



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal abnormality with one in every 800 to 1,000 babies born with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 350,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS, opportunities and success in life for all those with Down Syndrome is important to them and their families; and

WHEREAS, People with Down syndrome have an increased risk for certain medical conditions such as congenital heart defects, respiratory and hearing problems, Alzheimer's disease, childhood leukemia, and thyroid conditions. Many of these conditions are now treatable, so most people with Down syndrome lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome affects people of all ages, races and economic levels; and

WHEREAS, Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to develop their full potential and lead fulfilling lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October, 2004, to be

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukpa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKPA
SECRETARY OF STATE